

Elba High School Class of 1957 enjoys weekend of activities during recent Homecoming reunion

The Class of '57 had a great Homecoming weekend! It was a weekend of catching up with the past 50 years starting with the parade Friday afternoon in 90+ degrees! This was followed by a social hour after the parade.

Some classmates went to the homecoming ballgame, others stayed and visited. After Elba beat New Brockton soundly (sorry Jerry Goodson a New Brockton graduate), the members went back to the class party and stayed too late.

The Charlie and Becky Hayes farm was the setting Saturday for a delightful lunch of barbecue and all the trimmings, catered by Ed Cowen. 50 people attended this as they all visited until the afternoon.

National Security Conference Center on Saturday night was the place for their final banquet of the weekend; 50 people attended with 32 classmates present, which was great as a class which had 53 members with 6 deceased. Those in attendance were called to order by class president, Patsy Parker Goodson, and the group then enjoyed guessing baby pictures of each other that were projected onto a screen.

The food was catered by Vickie of The Gatherings. The evening ended as a DVD was played of Elba Elementary School and High School days, fifties music included.

The group sang the Alma Mater as they closed out the evening. Ralph Cooper, a class-



CLASS OF 1957 1st Row: Elaine (Vaughan) Martin, Tulah (Dismukes) Wise, Jimmy Boswell, Dykes Rushing, Ralph Cooper. **2nd Row:** Nina (Cain) Brown, Ann (Cowan) Scott, Mary Jon (Taylor) Brown. **3rd Row:** Jarrett Michel, Douglas Smith, Cabert Mills, Marilyn (Clark) Beck, Becky (Colquett) Hayes, Becky (Hollaway) Coppage, Peggy (Couson) Sheffield, Christine (Capps) Bowden, Mavis (Bowden) Burch, Linda (Smith) Johns, Patsy (Parker) Goodson, Jarrotha (Farris) Pugh, Frankie (Donaldson) Farris. **Back Row:** Dwan Nolin, Bill Blair, Byron Davis, Charles Hayes, Betty Ruth (Clark) Mosher, Ben Carpenter, Zackie Storey, James Grimes, Lela Ann (Sawyer) Dyess, Howard Prescott.

mate, was the official photographer and made a group picture and other pictures over the few days they were together.

A very impressive ceremony led by Jimmy and Jo Boswell to memorialize the deceased classmates as balloons were released into the heavens at twilight Saturday.

Not wanting to end the weekend, 25 classmates including spouses gathered at the Westside Baptist Church Sunday morning. Linda Smith Johns, a class-

mate, is Minister of Music at the church and as a special tribute to the class and its deceased mem-

bers sang "Friends," which touched everyone's heart.

After the church services classmates stayed for the 5th Sunday dinner and enjoyed the wonderful cooks of the Westside Church. Flowers were placed in the church sanctuary in honor of The Class of '57 and deceased

classmates. A beautiful bouquet was placed in the church foyer that was used the night before arranged by Harriet Boyd, niece of Elaine Vaughan Martin.

Saying good-bye is always sad, but plans were made to meet again soon.

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ASHLON SMITH, Elkins, West Virginia is shown reviewing a recent copy of *The Elba Clipper* to his son Creighton. The picture was snapped by his dad, Al Smith, on September 30, during a visit from Elba to Ashlon's West Virginia home.

Elba Chamber of Commerce Events:

• Frightening tours of the "Old Haunted Jail" will be conducted five nights this October. Tours will be held Friday, Oct. 26; Saturday, Oct. 27; Monday, Oct. 29; Tuesday, Oct. 30; and Wednesday, Oct. 31. The "Old Haunted Jail" opens at 7 p.m. each night.

• "Pumpkins on the Square" will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba. Trick-or-Treating is for children (ages birth thru 12 years) dressed in costume. A Children's Costume Contest will be held at 6:15 p.m. on the west side of the courthouse.

• The 20th Annual Elba Christmas Festival and Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 8. The Christmas Festival will be held throughout the day on the square in downtown Elba (9 a.m. - Until). The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Parade entry and vendor applications are available at the Chamber office.

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Landowner Jackie Windham (L) and son-in-law Troy Dunn review firebreaks and the effect of prescribed burning on a forest site. Cost-share assistance for these practices was received from the NRCS. Landowners have until October 26, 2007 to apply for forestry and other conservation practices at the NRCS office in New Brockton.

NRCS announces forest health special initiative

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Gary Kobylski recently announced the sign-up for the new Alabama Forest Health Special Initiative under the Fiscal Year 2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Applications on hand October 26, 2007, will be considered for funding. Applications received after this date will be considered only if funds remain after the initial ranking of applications received by the October 26 "batching" date.

"The EQIP Forest Health Special Initiative is designed to promote and inform private forest landowners about timber stand improvement practices that can improve growth, reduce risks of insects and diseases, and improve forest health," said Kobylski. NRCS is partnering with the Alabama Forestry Commission on this project.

Eligible lands include pine forest lands that are overstocked and subject to fire hazard, disease, or insect infestation. Applicants must meet the basic guidelines and eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a minimum of 10 forested acres.
2. The maximum number of acres for prescribed burning and firebreaks is 500 acres. This payment is for one year only.
3. The maximum number of acres for Timber Stand Improvement (pre-commercial and commercial thinning) is 200 acres. Eligible acres have a Southern Pine Beetle score of 300 or more.
4. Forest landowners willing to receive training to become a Certified Burn Manager are eligible to receive a one-time payment of \$375 upon providing proof of certification.

The Alabama Forestry Commission will develop a Stand Management Plan for each approved applicant on the offered acres, and NRCS will develop a conservation plan for reporting forest management and related wildlife practices. Approved Conservation Practices include:

- **Prescribed Burning** - Applying fire to predetermined areas under conditions that the intensity and spread of the fire are controlled.
- **Firebreak** - A strip of bare land or fire-retarding vegetation.
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- **Heavy Thinning of Pine Stands** - Removing undesirable or lower quality trees from a merchantable pine stand and lowering the density to acceptable level. From a forest management perspective, the "lower quality" or "poor quality" trees are trees which will remain pulpwood quality regardless of size or age.

Lands currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), EQIP, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), or other Farm Bill programs are ineligible.

All interested producers should contact the local county NRCS office at the Farm Service Center in New Brockton. For more information call 334-894-5581, ext.3.



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Coffee County inmate finds escape short-lived after leaving work site

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A work release inmate assigned to the Coffee County Landfill Recycling Center left from his job site Thursday, Oct. 11, at approximately 3 p.m.

Brenton Wayne McDaniel, age 27, reportedly left the job site by taking a county vehicle, a 1997 Ford F150 truck. According to information from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department,

McDaniel also forced another inmate by knife-point to leave the job site with him. The inmate taken by knife-point also was assigned to work at the landfill.

According to Sheriff Dave Sutton, the hostage was released

Local emergency personnel responded just after midnight Tuesday morning, Oct. 16, to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 87 North.

The accident occurred just north of the WELB radio station. Upon arriving on scene, emergency responders found the driver, Juan Starks of Elba, to be the only victim.

According to reports, Starks' vehicle had left the roadway and hit a tree.

Before Starks could be removed from the vehicle, members of the Elba Fire Department, reportedly had to use extrication equipment to cut the vehicle. Medical responders from Coffee County EMS attended to Starks at the scene, and he was flown directly from the scene of the accident to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan by Flat Iron helicopter from Fort Rucker.

By Troy University
Elba resident among those recognized as "Alumni of the Year"

Troy University will honor three alumni and one honorary alumnus with Alumni of the Year awards at halftime of its Oct. 20 Homecoming game against North Texas.

The awards are presented annually by the University as a part of its Homecoming celebration. Nominations are solicited, and winners are selected by the Troy University Alumni Association's Board of Directors based on outstanding professional accomplishments, civic achievements and loyalty and service to Troy University.

Lee "Bubba" Pinkard, of Elba, who earned a degree in business administration in 1969, is owner and vice president of B&B Equipment Rentals, Inc. and is a member of the American Rental Association and the Florida Rental Association. An active member of the Troy University Alumni Association Board of Directors, Pinkard is a charter member of the Elba Troy University Club and also holds memberships in the Emerald Coast and Crenshaw County alumni chapters. He was nearly single-handedly responsible for the recent construction of additional office and storage space at the University's Alumni House.

Stacy Faison of Phenix City, Ala., and Samuel Whalum, Jr. of Montgomery, Ala. were also named as Alumni of the Year.

by McDaniel in Elba. At that point, he called the Elba Police Department to inform them of McDaniel's escape.

Coffee County Jail Administrator Captain Richard Moss said McDaniel was being held at the time of his alleged escape for charges including burglary second degree and criminal mischief third degree.

McDaniel had been an inmate of the Coffee County Jail since July 9, 2007. He reportedly had been living

in Florida prior to his coming to the Coffee County Jail. After his escape last Thursday, Sheriff Sutton said officials believed McDaniel would try and return to Florida. While officers were looking for

Alabama State Trooper Johnny Senn investigated the accident. As of press time, Starks remained in the Dothan hospital receiving treatment for his injuries.

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Author of children's books visits New Brockton Elementary School

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

New Brockton Elementary School students were in for a treat when Arkansas author David M. Sargent Jr. visited the school recently to read a few of his books and to show off four of his "best friends."

Sargent is the author of several children's books such as the Doggie Tails Series and the Feather Tale Series. He uses his dogs, Tatum, Daphne, Emma and Spike, to write the Doggie Tails Series, and he has a message for the students.

"I want students to know that they can use their imagination to write their own stories," said Sargent. "It can start with something as simple as their dogs."

A n example of this can be found in Sargent's book, *Emma!*, about his own dog getting scolded for tearing up something in and out of the house.

Students were treated to meeting the stars of several of the children's books, the dogs themselves. Each dog performed certain tricks to entertain the students and then Sargent read books about each of the four dogs.

Following the books and the dogs, Sargent held a question and answer session

the suspect, Sutton said and off-duty county employee was traveling from Dothan back to Coffee County when she spotted the stolen county vehicle at the Dothan intersection of Brannon Stand Road and U.S. Highway 84.

Officials were advised the employee had spotted the stolen vehicle. Reports indicate there were two occupants in the vehicle at the time it was spotted in Dothan.

A short time later, Sheriff Sutton said the vehicle and occupants were located with the assistance of the Houston County Sheriff's Department, Cottonwood Police Department and Alabama Beverage Control Board officers in the City of Cottonwood.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Sheriff Sutton said McDaniel and his

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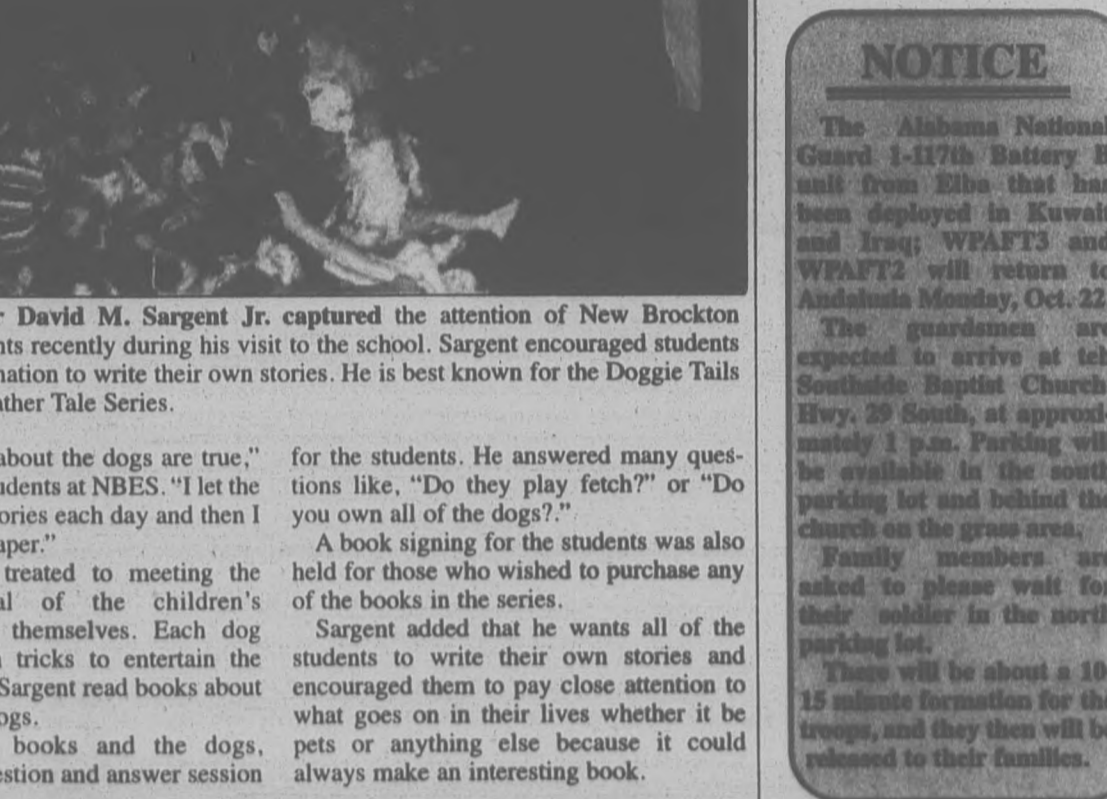
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THE ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME recently conducted its annual Health Fair. Above, hospital employee Janet Brunson provides one of those all important "checks" of levels for those attending the health fair. Free screenings were held for blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure and much more.



Arkansas author David M. Sargent Jr. captured the attention of New Brockton Elementary students recently during his visit to the school. Sargent encouraged students to use their imagination to write their own stories. He is best known for the Doggie Tails Series and the Feather Tale Series.

"All the books about the dogs are true," Sargent told the students at NBES. "I let the dogs act out the stories each day and then I simply put it on paper."

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Fern Cox

College football fans all across America got their money's worth this past weekend. Games were close and up-set was the name of the game. We were not the only reader impressed with the originality of the headline writer for The Dothan Eagle who used a reversed (or backward) reading headline in Dothan Eagle to sum up the last moments of the Alabama game. We don't know all the football rules but were careful not to bet on the outcome of the disputed play official review. That ruling would have probably been disastrous to Bama if it had been ultimately ruled a completion right there on the goal line. Then Kentucky, that bunch which is supposed to be the basketball kings of the world and not football powerhouses, knocked off #1 LSU in a hard fought battle. Later Auburn waited until the last seconds of their game against the Hogs of Arkansas to kick the winning field goal. The Cox clan was at a family gathering Saturday and as you have probably noticed, there was lots of football on the tube. We watched more pigskin plays that one day than yours truly watched all the rest of the year combined.

The Elba Clipper continues to creep into the modern world, even though it is a kicking and screaming event. Recently a web site was established and now after several weeks of practice, it is probably time to "tell it to the world". You can log on to our site at the following address: <http://www.elba-clipper.com>. Most of those crazy marks are in just about all web sites, so just remember <elba-clipper.com>. The dash was necessary because some forward thinking person registered elbaclipper with a dream of later selling it at a high price. Boy is that person in for a surprise! No doubt things will be done differently on the Clipper web site as time moves on, but for now it is up and running. You can read some of the weekly paper on the web, but not all. Ideally it will evolve into a site for breaking news as it happens, and not a week later. Death notices will surely be posted regularly for the benefit of our readers, as will major news, the kind which cause a TV announcer to break into your favorite movie or ball game. However this will be there at your convenience, not interrupting your regular activities.

The dry weather situation is getting serious across the South. While the actual rainfall in this area is better than a year ago, the Wiregrass is smarting due to the lack of rain North of here. Our major rivers and streams are fed, not so much from local rains, but from those rains which hit the ground in the upper reaches of the natural watershed. Cities which get drinking water from places like Lake Martin have been sounding the warning of low water for some time. Now we are reading of potential problems in places like Atlanta, GA. Experts are warning of only a three month supply of water remaining unless lots of rain comes in soon. Can you imagine all those people in Atlanta having to truck in every gallon of their water from... well from somewhere! That is drinking, bathing, fire fighting, all uses Americans normally take as a natural right.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 8, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for leaving the scene of an accident, one for lost property, one for burglary, one for reckless endangerment, one for harassing communications, two incidents, one for harassment, one for a hit and run and one assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for no insurance, one for attempting to elude and one for violation of the noise ordinance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, OCT. 8 - Possible domestic disturbance reported at 898 Claxton Ave. (3:07 a.m.); Fight in progress reported at the pool hall (9:40 p.m.).

TUESDAY, OCT. 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1831 County Rd. 418 (8:06 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10 - Minor wreck reported at Drs. Strong/Purvis office (10:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 497 County Rd. 372 (9:59 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 497 County Rd. 372 (11:44 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 922 Roosevelt Dr. (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2196 County Rd. 228 (5:24 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported near 1623 Parker St. (9:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Morrow Village (10:09 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCT. 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1019 Sunset Blvd. (2:15 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Mulberry Park (9:35 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 -

Disturbance (noise) reported in the parking lot behind the Shell station (12:48 a.m.); Possible prowler reported at 1539 Powell Circle, Lot 7 (4:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1020 County Rd. 114 (4:43 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to Cook Chevrolet (7:46 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at 331 Smith Ave. (10:58 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on County Rd. 367 (6:15 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (8:23 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (8:48 p.m.); Report of a gun being discharged in the area of Elba Villas (9:01 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Jackson St. (10:15 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 14 - Disturbance (noise) reported at Mulberry Park (12:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9810 County Rd. 306 (12:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 631 N. Claxton Ave. (1:11 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1245 Jones Circle (10:07 p.m.).

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Coffee County Bar Association elects new officers

The Coffee County Bar Association met Monday, Sept. 17, for its quarterly business meeting.

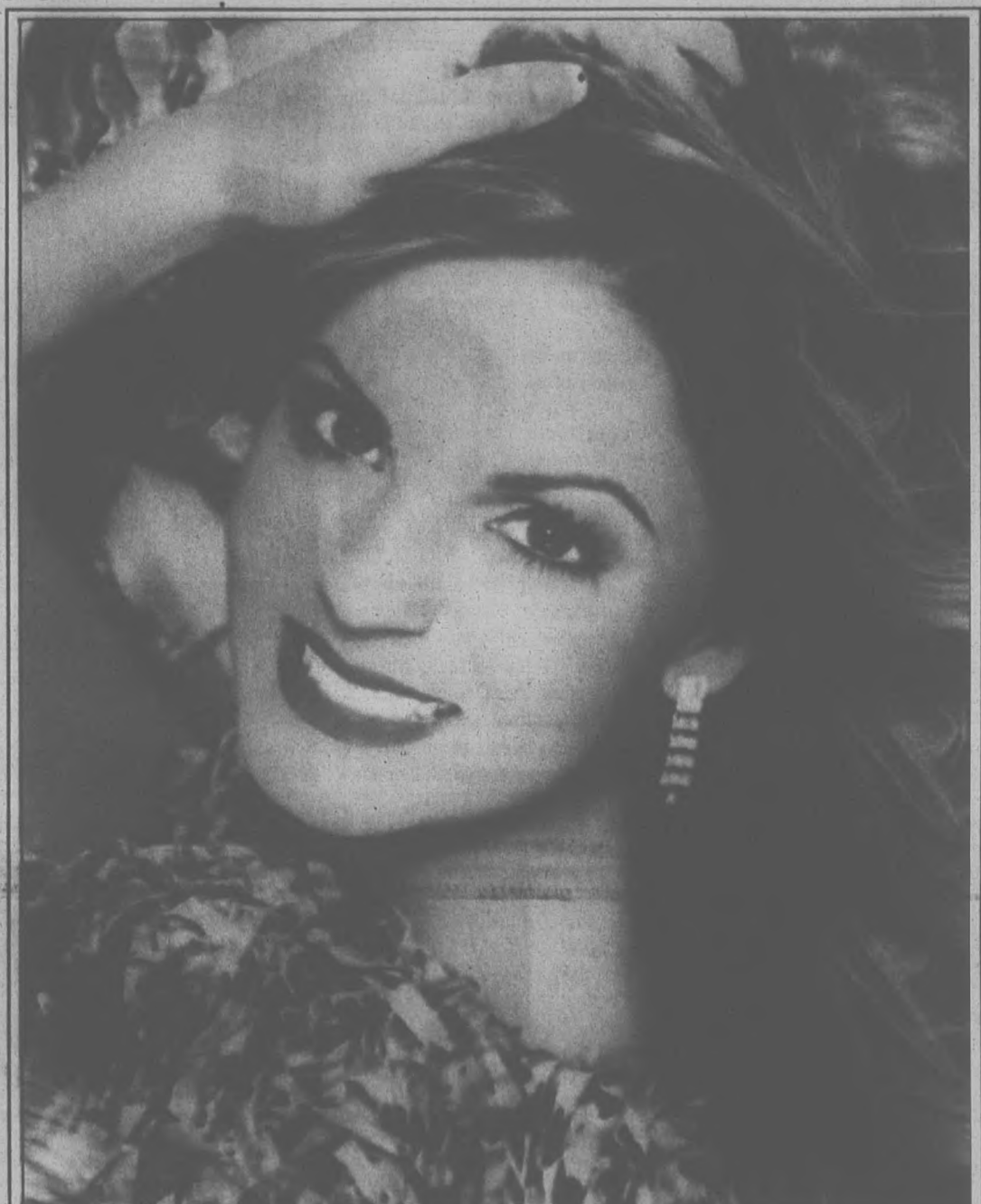
Among the first items of business was the election of new officers. Enterprise attorney Shannon Clark was elected to serve as president, replacing Mark Vaughn of Elba. John McClung, also of Enterprise, was elected vice-president. Don Pittman of Enterprise was elected treasurer, and Gloria Prescott of Elba was elected treasurer.

As the incoming president, Clark announced she had several goals and initiatives for the Coffee County Bar. According to Clark, one of the missions of the Coffee County Bar Association is to promote clear lines of communication between its members and the judiciary that serve the Coffee County. She will meet frequently with members and judges to facilitate the court's

calendar to promote the interests of justice. Clark believes that for the Bar Association to serve its members it must also promote the welfare of the community. To that end she proposed the

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Zion Chapel alumni encouraged to stop by hospitality tent prior to Homecoming game

Altrusa International of Jack will sponsor an "Alumni Hospitality Tent" prior to the Zion Chapel Homecoming football game Friday, Oct. 26.

The tent will be located next to the ticket booth at the stadium. All Zion Chapel alumni are invited to stop by the tent beginning at 5 p.m.

Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available at no charge. Also, the first 100 alumni to stop by the tent will receive a free gift.

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"Old Haunted Jail" and "Pumpkins on the Square" highlight events in October

Two highly anticipated events sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce highlight festivities during the month of October.

The "Old Haunted Jail" is designed for thrill-seekers while "Pumpkins on the Square" is designed for youngsters and families.

When the doors open Friday, Oct. 26, the "Old Haunted Jail" will enter its third year of scary creatures and spooky tales. Event organizers already are working to make this year's haunting one of the best yet.

There will be scenes filled with familiar faces along with many new surprises.

The "Old Haunted Jail" will be open five nights this year. The dates include: Friday, Oct. 26; Saturday, Oct. 27; Monday,

Oct. 29; Tuesday, Oct. 30; and Wednesday, Oct. 31. Tours will begin each night at 7 p.m.

According to Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, "Pumpkins on the Square" has become one of the biggest and most anticipated events of the year for the chamber.

"We seem to always get a good response from all over the county for Pumpkins on the Square," said Whitworth.

The event, this year, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba. Whitworth said anyone who wishes is invited to set up a table and treat the children as this time also serves as the designated trick-or-treat time for the City of Elba.

Merchants are being asked to stay open late and participate in "Pumpkins on the Square" by treating children in costume with candy and other treats. The chamber also is asking that only children ages birth - 12-years-old be allowed to trick-or-treat at "Pumpkins on the Square."

A Halloween costume contest for children will be held at 6:15 p.m. on the west side (flagpole side) of the courthouse. The age divisions include: 1-month thru 12-months; 13-months thru 23-months; 2 years thru 3 years; 4 years thru 5 years; 1st grade thru 3rd grade; and 4th grade thru 6th grade.

Whitworth said she looks forward to both "Pumpkins on the Square" and the "Old Haunted Jail" and hopes everyone will come out and enjoy these Halloween events.

For more information, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

Note of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

We are so grateful for the prayers, visits,
food, words of encouragement, flowers and
all that you did.

Love to all,
The Crooks & Bullards

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A great big "Thank You" to Ronnie Gilley for bringing excitement back to Friday night football in New Brocton, Alabama. If you are not joining us, please plan to become part of the fun and games and support the Gamecocks!

Again, thanks, Ronnie - No matter what they say, "You're

the greatest." Gamecock Pride! Sincerely,
Peggy and Jug Mixon
New Brocton, AL 36351

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Choosing a Leader

The 1876 Presidential election was the longest and most controversial in our nation's history. In that year, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes lost the election but became our eighteenth President. How was that possible?

Of the more than 6,000,000 votes cast in 1876, Every fourth year, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, an election is held in each of the fifty states. Voters cast their ballots for one of the candidates running for President. Then, after the votes have been counted and a winner declared, forty-eight states give the political party whose candidate received the most votes the right to name all delegates to their state's Electoral College in mid-December. In other words, although a candidate may win a state election by only one vote, that candidate will receive all of the state's Electoral College votes.

Democrat Samuel Tilden beat Hayes by nearly 300,000 votes. However, the Republicans disputed the results in four states. When the dust settled four months later, Rutherford Hayes became our eighteenth President.

Rutherford Hayes became our eighteenth President because American voters do not elect the President. American voters elect delegates to the Electoral College, and those delegates then choose the President... maybe.

The number of Electoral College delegates from each state is calculated by adding together the number of members the state elects to the House of Representatives, plus its two Senators. For example, Mississippi has four Congressional districts and two Senators, giving it six members of the Electoral College.

Traditionally, Electoral College delegates have voted for their party's candidate, although no federal law requires they do so. An Electoral College delegate may vote for another candidate.

At the Electoral College delegates cast separate ballots for President and Vice-President. To be elected, a candidate must have an absolute majority (51%) of the Electoral votes. In the event no Presidential candidate obtains a majority, then Congress must decide.

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THE WEB JOURNEY

HarpWeek: Hayes vs. Tilden

Harp's Monthly Magazine began publication in 1850. In 1857, it became a weekly. This resource, created by Harp's, tells the story of the 1876 election through magazine articles, illustrations, cartoons, and biographies of the major figures. It also includes the settlement plan that resolved the deadlock.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/6h7pS>

Center for Voting and Democracy

The Center for Voting and Democracy is a non-profit organization headquartered near Washington, D.C. It is chaired by John Anderson, a ten-term member of Congress. This resource includes sections on the Electoral College, Congressional elections, voter turnout in the United States and around the world, and numerous other topics.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/3n7j8>

The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden

This resource is part of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. It includes information about each President, the evolution of political campaigning, and the process used by the Founding Fathers to determine the President's role and responsibilities.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/4qngy>

Obituaries

BESSIE BURGANS

Mrs. Bessie Flournoy Burgans, age 79, of Luverne, Ala., died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, in Luverne.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, from Centenary Assembly of God Church with Rev. Josh Lane officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Turner Funeral Home of Luverne directing.

Mrs. Burgans was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Burgans, one daughter, Pearl Hodge of Elba, and a grandson, Chris McGough.

Survivors include five children: JoAnn (husband Phillip) Sipper, Luverne, Danny (wife Kathy) Burgans, Dothan, Ala., Mary Helen (husband Donnie) McGough, Lapine, Ala., Laura (husband Howard) Tatum, Luverne, and Kenney (wife Jennifer) Burgans, Gantt, Ala.; one son-in-law: Randle Hodge.

Elba, Ala.; 13 grandchildren including Linda and Latisha Hodge of Elba and 14 great-grandchildren.

ALICE PRINCE

Mrs. Alice Prince, age 68, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at Daleville Heights Church of Christ, Daleville, Ala., with Bro.

Survivors include three daughters: Laura C. Moore (husband Kenneth), Petersburg, Va., Patricia G. Carter, Anniston, Ala., Cynthia D. Sahara, R. Rucker, Ala.; four sons: Gilbert A. Crawley, Florida, Bernard L. Prince (wife Mary), Petersburg, James H. Prince (wife Fae), Waynesville, MO, and Romeo C. J. Lester, Anniston; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

NOTICE
LAVA (Lower Alabama Veterans Alliance) will hold its regular meeting Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Enterprise School Bus Service Center on Hwy 84 East in Enterprise in conjunction with the VA Outreach clinic. All area veterans are invited to attend. For directions or information call 347-1426.

Ira Belford officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Prince was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah C. Morgan, Richmond, Va.

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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!

Originally, the land was called Mesopotamia and humans inhabited it as early as 5,000 BC. Since then, it has had various names including Babylonia beginning in 1752 BC. In the eighth century AD, it became part of the Ottoman Empire and remained so until after World War I, when it became a British protectorate. On October 13, 1932, it achieved independence under the rule of King Faisal I. What is the country's name today? Would you like to find the answer, or get more information?

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/4x8zu>

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BEYOND OUR BORDERS

The phrase "cradle of civilization" refers to that area of the world where humans settled, foregoing their previously nomadic lifestyle as hunters and gatherers for a new one in which they learned to plant crops. Most North American and Europeans who have studied the question believe that, approximately 10,000 years ago, humans settled in an area between the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf called Mesopotamia. Archaeologists have found evidence of human settlements including towns and cities. Part of modern day Iraq. You can find out more at <http://tinyurl.com/rqd5b3>

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(d) months from the date of petition is filed, unless the period is extended by written agreement of the taxpayer and the city. The taxpayer shall be notified of the city's decision concerning the petition by registered mail, return receipt requested, sent to the taxpayer's last known address. If the city fails to grant a full refund with the time provided herein, the refund petition shall be deemed to be denied.

(e) If the petition is granted or the city or a court otherwise determines that a refund is due, the overpayment shall be promptly refunded to the taxpayer by the city, together with interest to the extent provided for in section 11-51-92, Code of Alabama 1975. If the municipality determines that a refund is due, the amount of overpayment plus any interest due thereon may first be credited by the city against any outstanding tax liabilities due and owing by the taxpayer to the city, and the balance of any overpayment shall be promptly refunded to the taxpayer. If any refund or part thereof is credited to any other tax by the city, the taxpayer shall be provided with a written detailed statement showing the amount of overpayment, the amount credited for payment to other taxes, and the resulting amount of the refund.

(f) A taxpayer may appeal from the denial in whole or in part of a petition for refund by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the circuit court of Coffee County, Alabama. Said notice of appeal must be filed within two (2) years from the date the petition was denied. The circuit court shall hear the appeal according to its own rules and procedures and shall determine the correct amount of refund due, if any. (2) years of the date the petition was denied, then the appeal shall be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Sec. 18-22. Delivery License.

(a) In lieu of any other type of license, a taxpayer may at its option purchase for seventy-five dollars \$75.00 a delivery license for the privilege of delivering its merchandise in the city if the taxpayer meets all of the taxpayer meets all of the following criteria:

- Other than deliveries, the taxpayer has no other physical presence within the city or its police jurisdiction;
- The taxpayer conducts no other business in the city other than delivering merchandise and performing the requisite set-up and installation of said merchandise;
- Such delivery and set-up and installation is performed by the taxpayer's employees or agents, concerns the taxpayer's own merchandise in the city, and is done by means of delivery vehicles owned, leased, or contracted by the taxpayer;
- The gross receipts derived from the sale and any requisite set-up and installation of all merchandise so delivered do not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) during the license year;
- Any set-up or installation shall relate only to:

(A) That required by the contract between the taxpayer and the customer or as may be required by state or local law; and
(B) The merchandise so delivered.

(f) If at any time during the current license year the taxpayer fails to meet any of the above stated criteria, then within ten (10) days after any of said criteria have been violated or exceeded, the taxpayer shall purchase all appropriate business licenses from the city for the entire license year and without regard to this section.

(g) Mere delivery of the taxpayer's merchandise by common carrier shall not allow the city to assess a business license tax against the taxpayer, but the gross receipts derived from any sale and delivery accomplished by means of a common carrier shall be counted against the seventy-five dollars (\$75,000.00) limitation described in the preceding section if the taxpayer also during the same license year sells and delivers into the taxing jurisdiction using a delivery vehicle other than a common carrier.

(c) A common carrier, contract carrier, or similar delivery service making deliveries on behalf of others shall not be entitled to purchase a delivery license.

(d) The delivery license shall be calculated in arrears, based on the related gross receipts during the preceding license year.

(e) The purchase of a delivery license shall not, in and of itself, establish a nexus between the taxpayer and the city for purposes of the taxes levied by or under the authority of Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975, or other provisions of law, nor does the purchase of a delivery license conclusively determine that nexus does not exist between the taxpayer and the city.

Sec. 18-24. Exchange of Information.

(a) The license officer may exchange tax returns, information, records, and other documents secured by the city with other municipalities adopting similar ordinances for the exchange of taxpayer information, or with county or state authorities. The license officer may charge a reasonable fee for providing such information or documents. Any tax returns, information, records, or other documents so exchanged shall remain subject to the confidentiality provisions, restrictions, and criminal penalties for unauthorized disclosure as provided under state or municipal law.

(b) Any such exchange shall be for one or more of the following purposes:

- Collecting taxes due;
- Ascertaining the amount of taxes due from any person;
- Determining whether a person is liable for, or whether there is probable cause for believing a person might be liable for, the payment of any tax to a state, county, or municipal agency;
- Nothing herein shall prohibit the use of tax returns or tax information by the city in the proper administration of any matter administered by the license officer. The license officer may also divulge to a purchaser, prospective purchaser, or other documents to the regulations of the Alabama Department of Revenue, or successor of a business or stock of goods the outstanding sales, use, or rental tax liability of the seller for which the purchaser, prospective purchaser as defined pursuant to the regulations of the Alabama Department of Revenue, or successor may be liable pursuant to Section 40-23-25, 40-23-82, or 40-12-224, Code of Alabama 1975.

Sec. 18-25. License fees in police jurisdiction.

Any person, firm, association, or corporation engaged in any business outside the corporate limits of the city but within the police jurisdiction hereof shall pay one-half (1/2) of the amount of the license imposed for like business within the city.

Sec. 18-26. Insurance fee.

A fee of \$10.00 shall be collected for issuing each license.

Sec. 18-27. Farmer's exemption.

No license shall be required of any farmer or other individual engaged in the production of farm products for sale or other disposition exclusive of articles produced by them. However, it shall be unlawful for any farmer or other individual engaged in the production of farm products to sell without the corporation limits of the city any article produced by him without first have procured, without cost, a permit from the city clerk.

Sec. 18-28. Reserved.

Sec. 18-29. License classifications.

TABLE INSET:

Code 2002 NAICS Titles/Business License Codes Schedule Rate

111998 Farming - agriculture, crop production, nursery, fruit, growers \$100.00
112990 Animals - dairy, cattle, ranching, sheep, raising chickens, poultry \$100.00
113110 Forestry - logging, forestry, timber track operations, timber management \$200.00
114119 Fishing and hunting - hunting and trapping, finfish, shellfish, supplies \$75.00
231920 Contractors - general contractors-commercial building, residential, subdivisions \$125.00 + See Sch V
237110 Contractors - specialty trade - water well drilling and irrigation \$100.00 + See Sch V
237990 Contractors - heavy construction - highway, bridge, street, water, sewer \$100.00 + See Sch V
237990 Contractors - specialty trade - building equipment and mechanical install \$100.00 + See Sch V
238110 Contractors - specialty trade - concrete contractors \$100.00 + See Sch V
238120 Contractors - specialty trade - structural steel erection \$100.00 + See Sch V
238130 Contractors - specialty trade - carpentry contractors \$100.00 + See Sch V
238130 Contractors - specialty trade - non-general and non-heavy \$100.00 + See Sch V
238140 Contractors - specialty trade - masonry and stone contractors \$100.00 + See Sch V
238150 Contractors - specialty trade - glass and glazing contractors \$100.00 + See Sch V
238160 Contractors - specialty trade - roofing, siding and sheet metal \$100.00 + See Sch V
238210 Contractors - specialty trade - electrical contractors \$100.00 + See Sch V
238220 Contractors - specialty trade - plumbing, heating and air conditioning \$100.00 + See Sch V
238310 Contractors - specialty trade - drywall, acoustical and insulation \$100.00 + See Sch V
238320 Contractors - specialty trade - painting and wall covering \$100.00 + See Sch V
238330 Contractors - specialty trade - floor coverings/all types \$100.00 + See Sch V
238340 Contractors - specialty trade - tile, marble, terrazzo and mosaic \$100.00 + See Sch V
238350 Contractors - specialty trade - excavation and site development \$100.00 + See Sch V
238360 Contractors - specialty trade - wrecking and demolition \$100.00 + See Sch V
238370 Contractors - specialty trade - house movers \$100.00 + See Sch V
238380 Contractors - specialty trade - sandblasting \$100.00 + See Sch V

238900 Contractors - specialty trade - sign contractor (plus contractor's permit) \$100.00 + See Sch V

311910 Food manufacturing - meat, seafood, grain, fruit, dairy, animal, poultry processing See Sch D

312121 Beer - on-premises - state regulated through ABC See Sch H

312122 Beer - off-premises - state regulated through ABC See Sch H

312131 Wine - state regulated through ABC See Sch H

312132 Beer and wine - wholesale distributor See Sch H

312141 Alcohol - state regulated through ABC See Sch H

312122 Beverage manufacturing - all types of soft drinks, bottled water, coffee, tea, breweries See Sch D

313112 Textile manufacturing - fabric, yarn, carpet, canvas, rope, twine, fabric mills See Sch D

315999 Apparel manufacturing - women, men, children, hosiery, outerwear, accessories See Sch D

316993 Leather manufacturing - shoes, luggage, handbag, related products, all footwear See Sch D

319999 Wood manufacturing - sawmills, wood preservation, veneer, trusses, millwork See Sch D

323110 Printing - screen, cloth, digital, books, lithographic, hand-bills, comm. See Sch D

327920 Ready-mix concrete manufacturing \$100.00

332999 Metal fabrication - cutlery, structural, ornamental, machine shops \$100.00

333990 Machinery manufacturing - office machinery, industrial, engines, farm, HVAC See Sch D

338112 Transportation manufacturing - manufacturing auto, truck, trailer, motor home, boat See Sch D

337129 Furniture manufacturing - cabinets, office, household, beds, medical, kitchen See Sch D

339999 Miscellaneous manufacturing - specialty manuf. not defined in separate categories See Sch D

423310 Lumber, plywood, millwork, and wood panel merchant wholesalers \$200.00

423440 Non-durable commercial equipment merchant wholesalers - sign sales and service - local \$100.00

423930 Scrap materials merchant and wholesalers and/or recycling See Sch D

423990 Wholesale trade - durable, vehicle, machinery, equipment, furniture See Sch D

424440 Poultry and poultry product merchant wholesale \$75.00

424490 Butcher and allied products merchant wholesaler - butane, propane, etc. \$125.00

424720 Wholesale trade - wholesale gasoline distributor \$250.00

424830 Flower, nursery stock, and florists' supplies merchant wholesaler \$25.00

424990 Wholesale trade - non-durable, paper, apparel, grocery, beverages, dairy See Sch D

441110 Motor vehicles new and/or used - dealerships and lots See Sch C

441310 Motor vehicle and parts - auto, motorcycles, boats, parts, accessories See Sch C

442110 Furniture - furniture, home furnishings, stores, floor coverings, window See Sch C

443112 Electronic and appliance store - household, radio, television, computers See Sch C

443110 Building materials - hardware, paint, home center, wallpaper, nursery See Sch C

444190 Pulpwood and cross-tie dealer \$100.00

445120 Food and beverage stores - grocery, convenience store, markets See Sch C

445130 Package stores - selling beer, wine and liquor plus general merchandise See Sch C, H

446110 Health care stores - drug, pharmacy, cosmetic, optical, health food See Sch C

447111 Gasoline retail or other motor fuel (one (1) or more pumps) \$45.00

448190 Clothing and accessories - men, women, children, infant, shoe, jewelry See Sch C

451110 Sporting goods and hobbies - toy, fish, gun, books (sale of) See Sch C

451212 Used merchandise stores - books, miscellaneous, consignment, flea market See Sch C

452990 General merchandise stores - department, warehouse, department, warehouse See Sch C

453220 Miscellaneous retailers - florist, gift, novelty, pet, art, tobacco, used merchandise See Sch C

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561720 Janitorial firm - janitorial cleaning services - individual or firm \$75.00

561730 Landscaping services \$150.00

561730 Tree surgery services \$100.00

561800 Lawn care services - lawn care, lawn maintenance \$75.00

561990 Other support services - auctioneer, independent \$75.00

562111 Recyclable material collection services - materials other than paper products \$150.00

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562291 Septic tank cleaning services \$100.00

562300 Waste management - companies, trucks, septic tanks, landfills, services \$550.00

611810 Fine arts school - music teacher \$75.00

611899 Educational services - technical, computer, sports, services, business \$75.00

621111 Physician - each person and each member of a firm, partnership or corporation engaged in any practice, vocation or profession shall pay a license, \$250.00

621210 Dentist - each person and each member of a firm, partnership or corporation engaged in any practice, vocation or profession shall pay a license, \$250.00

621310 Chiropractor - each person and each member of a firm, partnership or corporation engaged in any practice, vocation or profession shall pay a license, \$250.00

621320 Pharmacist - one per location \$250.00

621498 Outpatient care centers - all other types of services \$150.00

621910 Ambulance - ambulance company and/or services \$150.00

622111 Hospital/surgical, substance abuse, psychiatric, general care, special \$150.00

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COMMUNITY NEWS

During Coffee County BOE meeting

Superintendent announces award of 21st Century Learning Center grant for New Brockton Schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday, Oct. 4, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram excitedly announced the award of a 21st Century Learning Center grant for New Brockton Schools.

Dr. Ingram said New Brockton Schools received the grant equalling \$125,000 per year for the next three years for the learning center.

Zion Chapel Schools already has a learning center in place now in its fourth year at that school.

"We are excited about it (grant award)," Dr. Ingram said. "This is something we've been wanting and working towards the past few years."

With the learning center, Dr. Ingram said the New Brockton

Schools will be able to offer before-school and after-school programs to benefit both the students and parents.

The 21st Century Learning Center grants are competitive grants from the state. The grant for the New Brockton Schools will benefit students in grades K-8th.

Also during the meeting, Dr. Ingram reported on continued progress with construction projects at the schools. She said the lunchroom addition at Zion Chapel and renovations at Kinston are progressing nicely. She also said work is still being done on the design for the field house and pressbox at Kinston.

Board members voted unanimously to approve personnel recommendation made by Ingram. These included:

Certificated

• Approve maternity leave

under the Catastrophic Leave Act for Jennifer Lee. The leave is set to begin on or around Oct. 20th.

Support

• Approve the resignation of Terri Senn as full-time custodian at Zion Chapel School, effective Sept. 17th.

• Increase the contract for Tabitha Sanders as custodian at Zion Chapel School from part-time to full-time.

ESCAPE-

(Continued from Page One)

alleged accomplice, Mary Elizabeth Pons, age 28, were arrested. Pons reportedly had been living in Elba at the time of the incident.

McDaniel was charged with theft of property first degree, kidnapping second degree and escape first degree. Pons was charged with hindering apprehension of an escapee, a misdemeanor charge.

Officials also said a third individual, Cody Walker, age 18, was charged with hindering apprehension of an escapee by the Houston County Sheriff's Department.

A Special Holiday Tradition

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Miss Elba Christina Bryant

While away at college

Miss Elba keeps up with hometown news

Elba's "Miss Elba," Christina Bryant, took time out from Homecoming at the University of Alabama to read about Homecoming at Elba High School in "The Elba Clipper."

Christina met the Bob Cannons on the Quadangle for a brief visit before game time. She says she's doing fine at the University and she is working hard to keep up her grades and that everyone has been very helpful. She lives in the Honors Dorm and really likes her three roommates whom she says are nice girls.

Christina is the recipient of two highly competitive and prestigious scholarships, the J. Craig Smith Scholarship and the Coca Cola Scholarship. She plans a career in the field of medicine. She is the daughter of Wayne Bryant.

Newbia School Reunion set for Saturday, Nov. 10

The Newbia Jr. High School Reunion will be held Saturday, November 10 beginning at 10 a.m. at Newbia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located on County Road 330 in Elba. A covered dish lunch will be served.

The Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and Downtown Unlimited will present the Annual Downtown Christmas Parade, Tuesday November 27 at 6:00 PM. In case of rain, the parade will be held on November 29.

The theme for this year's event will be, "The Gift of Education". Honorary Grand Marshals for the parade are Dr. Jim Reese, Superintendent of the Enterprise Board of Education, Hugh Williams, Principal of Hillcrest Elementary School, and Rick Rainer, Principal of Enterprise High School.

The event features dozens of entries, including professionally made floats which are available for rent. Prizes will be awarded to entrants in several categories. Churches, civic groups, businesses, schools, clubs and others are invited to participate in the traditional kick off of the Christmas season. And of course, Santa will make his first official appearance of the season.

A limited number of floats are still available for rent. Parade applications and rules are available from The Enterprise Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. For more information, call 334-347-0581.

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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie took advantage of fall break at college to spend the week at home, and used the days off to do some house cleaning and spend time with her nieces. She rearranged the living room and dining room, cleaned her bedroom and bathroom, and even took out some old furniture that I had pushed into a corner. Her work around the house was appreciated. However, the best part of the week for this 'ole dad was the time we spent together at night watching TV and talking. I think I enjoyed her week off even more than she did!

ELBA TIGERS OUTSCORED IN REGION SETBACK

The Elba Tigers suffered their second straight region loss and saw a possible home field advantage in the playoffs come to an end last week in a wild 37-34 loss to Geneva. The Tigers were able to move the ball almost at will against the Panthers and rolled up 360 yards in total offense in the key region clash, including 158 yards passing in the fourth quarter, alone. Sophomore running back Carlos Matias gained over 100 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the game, while senior quarterback Trey Martin passed for 250 yards to move over the 1,000 yard mark in just seven games. While there is no doubt the Tigers continued to be able to move the ball and put points on the scoreboard, the defense continued its recent struggles and for the second straight week surrendered over 400 yards and over 35 points. The Elba defense has now allowed a total of 856 yards in total offense and 85 points in the past two weeks, making it easy to see just why the Tigers are mired in a two-game losing streak. Another sore spot for Elba has been in the kicking game, where the Tigers have allowed a kickoff return for a score in each of the last three games. Sudden scores in the kicking game can turn a game around in a hurry, and that has been the case the past three weeks as the Tigers have seen momentum change sidelines in just a matter of seconds. Elba is still much improved in many areas and has a solid shot at posting a winning record and making it to the playoffs. However, there is still much work to do before the Tigers will be a true contender.

AREA TEAMS STRUGGLE AS SEASON ROLLS ALONG

The high school football season put week #7 in the history books last week and for the teams in the area it wasn't the best of weeks. Here's a quick look back...

*** Brantley (6-1) – The Bulldogs claimed their 39th straight region win with a 49-28 win over Providence Christian, but continued their recent struggles on defense and have now allowed an average of 31 points a game in the last three games. The Brantley offense was able to pick up the slack in the win last week and moved once again that speed kills, as Anthony Gentry and Reavie Knighton took turns running sprints up and down the field. If the Bulldogs can find their defense they could make some noise in the weeks to come and on into the playoffs. However, the return of the defense is a must if the 'Dogs are to be considered a threat to make it to Birmingham.

*** New Brockton (3-4) – The Gamecocks saw their five-game home winning streak over the last two seasons come to an abrupt end with a 41-21 region loss to Houston County, and all of the sudden the Gamecocks will have to win out and get some help if they are to be invited to the post-season party. New Brockton has been bitten by the injury bug in recent weeks and has been forced to shuffle some players around, and while the players have stepped in and performed well, the lack of depth has hurt as most of the starters that have been lost were two-way players. The Gamecocks will be heavy favorites in two of their remaining three games and will have a chance at making the playoffs. However, they haven't had much luck this season and will need more than just a little to advance and post a winning record.

*** Zion Chapel (0-7) – The Rebels battled hard for all four quarters last week in a 54-30 loss to Florala, and one has to believe the determination of the players and coaches will pay dividends before long with a couple of wins. Zion Chapel continued to play smash-mouth football against last week's loss and ran the ball a total of 78 times for 482 yards, an average of over six yards a carry. The Rebels are still winless on the season, but have proven in recent weeks they are more than willing to simply line up and run straight at their opponents and let the bruises come where they may. Don't tell these guys their record is 0-7, because they always play hard and play to win.

*** Kinston (0-7) – The Bulldogs were expected to have a chance at picking up their first win of the season last week against Pleasant Home, but barely put up a fight as they lost to the Eagles 34-7. Kinston has struggled all season to find an identity under their two new coaches, and even though the Bulldogs have looked good at times, for the most part about the only thing they have been able to do is keep the scores respectable. A look at scheduled reveals this week may be the last chance the 'Dogs have at pulling off a win. So, the players and coaches need to forget about what has happened and look ahead with confidence.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Alabama and Auburn both pulled off important road wins in the conference last weekend, and this week will have to regroup in a hurry as they both face possibly their toughest tests of the season. The Crimson Tide survived a fired up army of Rebels over in Oxford and with the help of instant replay slipped past the Rebels and 27-24, while the Tigers used old-fashioned defensive football to get past Arkansas 9-7. With Tennessee up next for the Tide and LSU waiting in the wings for the Tigers, both teams must give it their best effort of the season to post another SEC win.

*** The Elba Youth Football League had a big night Saturday as all three teams posted wins over Highland Home. The Midget Tigers blew a 12-point fourth quarter lead and had to go into overtime to claim a 20-18 win, while the Termites Tigers rolled to an impressive 22-0 win, and the Pee Wee Tigers remained undefeated with an exciting 14-12 win. The teams have a combined record of 12-3 with one week left in the regular season, which isn't bad.

*** The high school football season has now put seven weeks in the record book and last week was once again filled with some big games. Around the area, Enterprise improved to 6-1 with an easy 35-13 win over Russell County, Charles Henderson upped its record to 7-0 with a 38-14 win over Raleigh, Wicksburg improved to 7-0 with a 41-28 win over Geneva County, Pike County remained unbeaten with an easy 41-0 win over Headland, Laverne got above the .500 mark at 4-3 with a 34-12 win over Barbour County, and Highland Home upped its record to 6-1 with a big 55-34 romp past Reeltown. Some other results worth noting included Georgiana slipping past Flomston 20-17, T.R. Miller edging past Jackson 27-26, Opelika struggling to get past Central 14-7, Greenville pounding Tallapoosa 38-0, and Maplesville wiping out Billingsley 48-0.

*** In closing... The high school volleyball season is winding down, with area tournaments being held this week and region tour-

naments set for this weekend. The Elba Lady Tigers should advance to region play despite a less than spectacular season, while New Brockton and Zion Chapel also have hopes of moving on to the second round. The Lady Bulldogs of Kinston have been working all season to reach the post-season, and have to be considered huge favorites to repeat as state champs.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was a little late dropping by the office over the weekend, but made his weekly appearance before I put the wraps on the sports pages, and listened as he talked about the crowd and the atmosphere at last week's Elba-Geneva football game. Over 5,000 fans jammed into the stadium for Geneva's homecoming clash, and most were on their feet in the closing minutes as the outcome was still very much up for grabs. The local guest expert said it was high school football like it used to be! I did get the prep prognosticator to leave this week's picks before he left, and after a check at last week's results moved his season record on the board to 177-37. Here goes....

ELBA VS. STRAUGHN

The Pea River felines looked a little wet and weary last weekend after making the swim back up river, and this week will need to sharpen their claws for a Friday night catfight with a litter of kitties from over in the woods of Covington County. If the felines are still whining about the last two weeks they could be in trouble again. However, the guess here is the felines will be ready and will defend their territory.

ELBA 27 STRAUGHN 22

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

The Bulldogs from up across the river will have to get back on their wagon and head down near the state line this week for a big region match up against a batch of cat quick kitties that are hungry to win a region title. The 'Dogs bark has been much worse than their bite in recent weeks, and this week they will need to do much more than just bark if they hope to chase down the kitties and get a win on the road.

BRANTLEY 38 FLORALA 28

KINSTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The bullpups from down near the county line will be invaded by some troops from up at Fort Jack this weekend and may need to find

a couple of good hiding places to avoid being targets for the troops after they arrive. The pups will get to play at home and that should help a little, but the guess here is the troops from up Fort Jack have plans to take no prisoners.

ZION CHAPEL 36 KINSTON 12

NEW BROCKTON VS. SAMSON

The fair weathered fowls from across the county have been invited to a party down across the county line and will have their feathers all smooth and shiny when they arrive. The only problem is the party is being given by a litter of hungry kitties, and the kitties have chicken on the menu for supper. They may lose a few feathers, but the guess here is the fowls will leave the kitties hungry and hurting.

NEW BROCKTON 24 SAMSON 14

OTHER PICKS:

Arton 35 Pleasant Home 7
Providence Ch. 31 McKenzie 20
Sweet Water 77 South Lamar 0
Highland Home 52 Barbour County 8
Leroy 28 Bayside 3
Cottonwood 17 Wicksburg 15
Houston Academy 21 Geneva County 14
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Daleville 28 Alabama Christian 7
Andalusia 41 Ashford 7
St. James 16 Bullock County 13
T.R. Miller 27 Hillcrest 20
Trinity 21 Opp 10
Thomasville 35 Southside 7
Greenville 28 Carroll 16
Charles Henderson 31 B.T. Washington 12
Eufaula 28 Tallapoosa 0
Valley 36 Rehoboth 13
Dothan 21 Russell County 20
Opelika 17 Enterprise 13
Central, PC 14 Northview 10

Tigers still hunting for playoff berth as Straughn visits in key region match-up

The Elba Tigers will be looking to wrap up a berth in the Class 3A playoffs and snap a two-game losing streak at the same time Friday night when they host the Straughn Tigers in a key region contest for both teams.

Elba saw its region record slip to 3-2 last week with a 37-34 road loss to Geneva, while Straughn kept its playoff hopes alive and moved to 2-3 in the region with a 35-21 win over Dale County.

"We need one win in the next two weeks to make the playoffs," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "and we have to put the last two weeks behind us and concentrate on the task ahead. There is nothing we can do about the disappointing losses to Pike County and Geneva, but there is something we can do the remainder of the season and that is to win out and go into the playoffs with momentum and confidence. What has already happened is in the past. Our season is now a three-game season and we need to play well and rededicate ourselves to playing winning football."

"Straughn has struggled at

this season," added Coach Rials, "but if it wins the next two weeks it will get back in the playoffs like it did a year ago. Straughn has made it to the playoffs nine straight seasons, and there is no doubt it will be ready to play when it gets off the bus Friday night. On offense, Straughn can hurt you both running and passing. Last week against Dale County Straughn had a back gain almost 100 yards, had three different backs score touchdowns and its quarterback passed for almost 200 yards. That shows a real balance on offense, and we know Straughn can score points no matter the opponent. Over on defense, Straughn has had a few problems at times stopping folks, but has good size and is very aggressive. It will come after us on defense and play hard on every single play throughout the game."

"I think we will be better this year," said Straughn's Coach Trent Taylor in a preseason interview, "but we'll still be in a rebuilding year."

Junior quarterback Ryne Taylor will return to lead the

Zion Chapel Rebel Termites blanked by Skipperville 28-0

The Zion Chapel Rebel termites battled Skipperville last weekend in youth football action and dropped a 28-0 decision.

Ethan Deal completed 3 passes for a total of 18 yards to lead the Rebel offense, with Chris Carter pulling in 1 pass for 8 yards and Colton Kelley and Cody Daniels both having 1 reception for 5 yards. Daniela added a 3-yard run and Steven Harrell gained 2 yards on 1 carry.

On defense, Cody Daniels led Zion Chapel with 5 tackles, including a big stop on a two-point conversion attempt. Skylar Anderson added 4 tackles and had a fumble recovery, while Steven Harrell had 3 tackles, Chris Carter had 2 tackles and 1 assist, Daniel Stone had 2 tackles, Dalton Dean had 1 tackle and a fumble recovery, and Colton Kelley, Bobby Paul, Ethan Deal, Sequoyah Jordan and Jamison Senn all added 1 tackle.

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spread attack for Straughn, while also returning will be receivers Seth Kinsaul and Trae Brown. On defense, the strength of the team is at linebacker, where Nick Allen (170), Tanner Lee (180) and Robbie Kearns (190) anchor the unit.

"Most of the teams we play try to stop our running game first," added Coach Rials, "and that is what we expect Straughn to try and do. If a defense can take away what a team wants to do it has won half the battle, and Straughn has a defense that plays hard and will get after us in its attempt to take away the run. If we are going to win we have to take what the defense gives us on offense and not have any turnovers. Last week we had a fumble inside the five-yardline that stopped a potential scoring drive and then had an interception late in the game that stopped our final possession. We have to be able to run and pass to be successful on offense, and that will be the key again Friday night. Our defense has allowed a lot of yards and a lot of points the past two weeks, and will have to step up Friday night against another very good offensive opponent. We must tackle better on defense and get some big plays out of the defensive backs. If we have to get in a shootout one mistake can be the difference between winning and losing."

When asked about last week's 37-34 loss to Geneva, Coach Rials stated "We played well enough in some areas to win the game. Our offense moved the ball well and put points on the scoreboard, but had two turnovers that both stopped potential scoring drives. We had another breakdown in the kicking game and gave up some big plays on defense. We need to be able to make teams drive the ball, and until we do that we will continue to give up points."

GAMECOCK FUMBLE... The ball goes flying from a New Brockton running back as Elba Junior Tiger Tyler Anderson (15) dives in to make a stop. The Tigers defeated the Gamecocks 38-13 last week to push their record to 4-0-1 on the season. Elba owned an 18-0 halftime lead and cruised to the easy win.



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EYEING THE ENDZONE... Elba running back Michael Lindsey (6) eyes the endzone after taking a handoff in last week's 37-34 region loss to Geneva. Lindsey, an 8th grader, ran for 7 yards and a touchdown in the region contest and caught 6 passes for 42 yards and a touchdown.

In region shootout

Elba Tigers outscored by Geneva Panthers 37-34

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers and Geneva Panthers tied up Friday night in an offensive shoot-out, and when the dust finally cleared after four quarters of non-stop action it was the Panthers that were doing the celebrating with a wild 37-34 region win.

The loss left Elba with a 4-3 record, 3-2 in region play, while Geneva upped its record to 5-2 with the win, 4-1 against region competition.

Geneva began the night's scoring on its initial possession as the Panthers drove 67 yards in 12 plays to grab an early lead. A key play in the drive was a 31-yard pass from Bart Gilmore to Tony Hutcherson, while Gilmore also completed two passes to David Simon and ran for 13 yards to set the Panthers up with a first down and goal at the Elba 6-yardline. Simon



Elba Tiger receiver Gavin Respress (4) dodges a Geneva defender after pulling in a pass last week in the Tigers' region battle against the Panthers. Respress, a junior, caught 4 passes for 69 yards in the 36-34 setback to Geneva.

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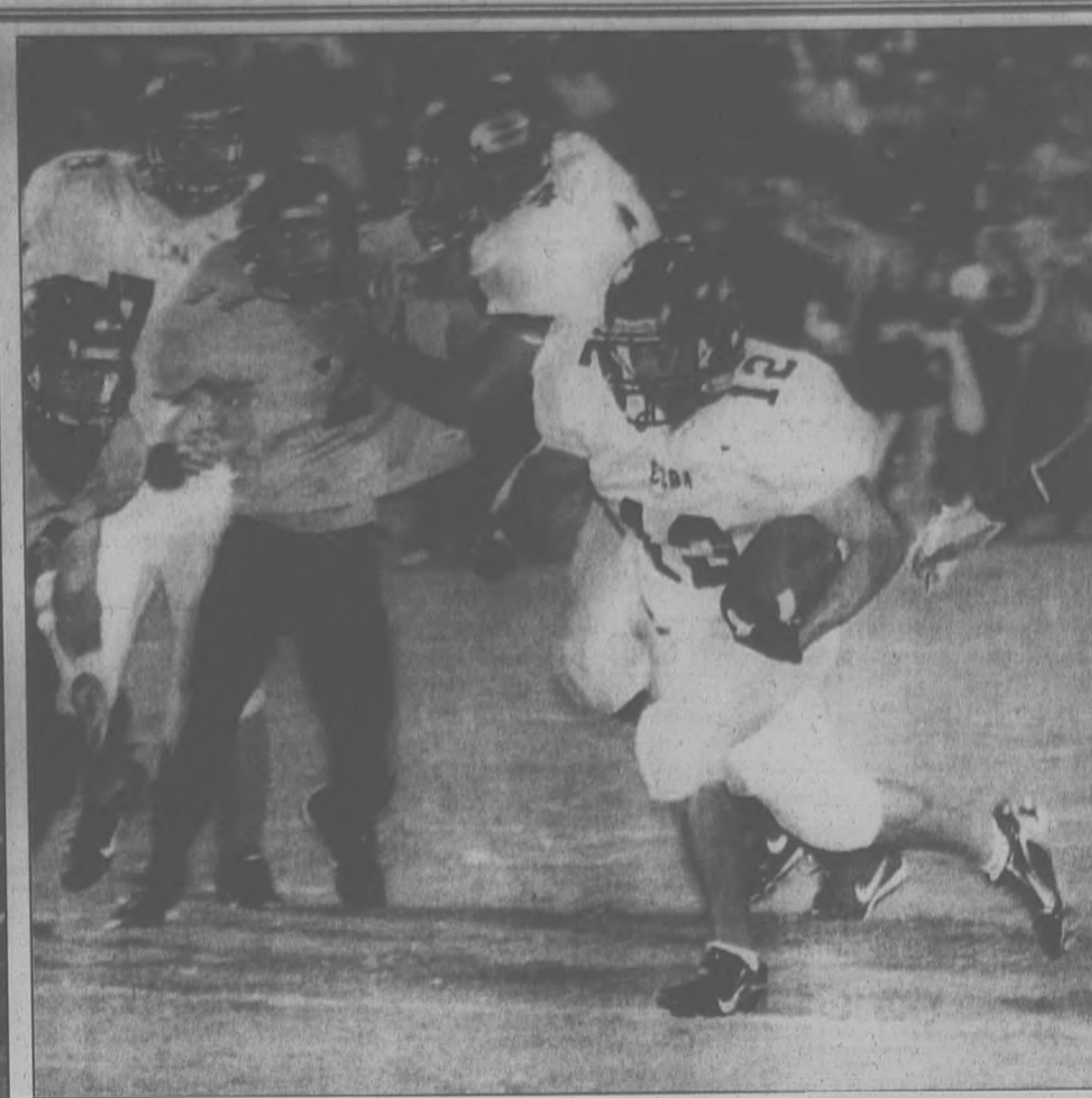
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OFF AND RUNNING... Elba Tiger running back Carlos Matias (12) heads upfield for a big gain in action last week against Geneva. Matias, a sophomore, gained 115 yards on 25 carries and scored 3 touchdowns as the Tigers fell to 3-2 in region play with the 37-34 loss.

In region shootout

Elba Tigers outscored by Geneva Panthers 37-34

scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run, and although the extra-point attempt was blocked, Geneva owned a 6-0 lead with 4:53 remaining in the first quarter.

Elba answered the early Geneva score on its ensuing possession as the Tigers drove 67 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. A key play early in the drive was a 9-yard pass from Trey Martin to Gavin Respress on third down and three, while Carlos Matias gained 42 yards on seven carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. The extra-point try sailed wide, and with 11:54 left in the second quarter the score was tied at 6-6.

Geneva put the ball in play at its own 34-yardline to begin its next possession and covered the 66 yards to the endzone in 10 plays to regain the lead. Bart Gilmore gained 19 yards on two carries and completed a 9-yard pass to Mark Simmons to spark the scoring drive, while Tony Hutcherson gained 27 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 6-yard dash. A two-point pass fell incomplete, but with 6:36 remaining in the second quarter the Panthers were back on top 12-6.

Elba's offense went three and out on its next two possessions. However, the Tigers got the ball back late in the half on a fumble recovery at their own 40-yardline and this time needed only five plays to regain the lead. A 25-yard pass from Trey Martin to Dylan McCollough got the drive off to a fast start, while a 40-yard completion from Martin to Richard Cooks moved the Tigers to the Geneva 5-yardline. Michael Lindsey scored the touchdown on the next play, and Cooks tacked on the extra-point as Elba moved ahead 13-12 with 34-seconds remaining on the clock.

Geneva reached the Elba 5-yardline with 5-seconds left in the half after a 54-yard screen pass to Tony Hutcherson, but the Tigers' Justin Hammonds picked off a pass in the endzone on the final play of the half, and at intermission Elba went in still clinging to a 13-12 advantage.

Geneva didn't need to run a play to regain the lead in the second half, as the Panthers' Tony Hutcherson took the kickoff and raced 91 yards for a touchdown. A two-point try failed, but with only seconds gone in the third quarter the Panthers were back on top 18-13.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 44-yardline after a 37-yard kickoff return by Sandarius Reed and promptly marched 56 yards in 10 plays to move back on top. A 24-yard pass from Trey Martin to Gavin Respress gave Elba a first down at the Geneva 24, while Carlos Matias scored the touchdown on an 8-yard run. Martin passed to Tony Hutcherson on the two-point conversion, as the Tigers regained the lead at 21-18.

Elba lost a fumble at the Geneva 3-yardline on its next offensive series, and the Panthers took advantage of the turnover as they marched 97 yards in eight plays to move back on top. A 50-yard run by Bart Gilmore moved Geneva across midfield, while Tony Hutcherson gained 28 yards on five carries and scored the touchdown on a 2-yard run. The extra-point failed, but with 1:13 remaining in the third quarter the Panthers had moved back ahead with a 24-21 lead.

Geneva began its next possession near midfield after a short punt and this time needed only three plays to cover the 48 yards into the endzone. Tony Hutcherson got the call on all three plays and scored the touchdown on a 37-yard dash.

then ran out the clock to claim the wild 37-34 region win. Carlos Matias gained 115 yards on 25 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Tigers on the ground, while in the air Trey Martin completed 17 of 26 passes for 250 yards and 1 touchdown. Gavin Respress pulled in 4 passes for 69 yards, while Carlos Matias had 3 catches for 60 yards, Dylan McCollough had 3 catches for 49 yards, Michael Lindsey had 6 catches for 42 yards and Richard Cooks had 1 reception for 30 yards.

Tony Hutcherson gained 229

yards on 21 carries and scored 4 touchdowns to lead Geneva on the ground, and also returned a kickoff 91 yards for a score. Bart Gilmore gained 101 yards on 11 carries and completed 8 of 12 passes for 133 yards.

STATISTICS	
F	G
19	1st Downs
33-110	Rushes-Yds.
250	Passing-Yds.
360	Total Offense
17-26-1	Passes
44-110	Fumbles-Lost
4-32	Plays-Ave
2-15	Penalties-Yds.



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SPORTS

In region encounter

Brantley pulls away late to cage Eagles 49-28

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

Anthony Gulley and Roy-L Knighten both had big games Friday night for Brantley as they led the Bulldogs to a 49-28 road win over the Providence Christian Eagles, in Dothan.

Gulley scored 3 touchdowns and rushed for 178 yards on 13 carries, while Knighten added 135 yards on 4 carries, scored 2 touchdowns, pulled in 3 passes for 65 yards and had one pass interception.

Brantley gave the Eagles excellent field-position on the opening kickoff with a fumble that was recovered by the Eagles Austin Evans at the Bulldogs' 30-yardline.

Providence took advantage of the early break and covered the field with the score coming on a 1-yard drive by Jake Nobles. Bank Smith added the extra-point, and with 8:23 remaining in the opening quarter the Eagles were on top 7-0.

Brantley received the ensuing kickoff and raced down the field, only to see the drive halted when Jake Nobles intercepted a Chase Hall pass.

Brantley regained possession at its own 40-yardline on a defensive stop, and needed only one play to get on the scoreboard as the Bulldogs first play Anthony Gulley took a handoff and raced 60 yards untouched for a touchdown.

Britt Barnes booted the extra-point as Brantley pulled even at 7-7 with 2:34 remaining in the

first quarter.

The double-wing formation of the Eagles enabled them to fly right back down the field as Providence drove 72 yards in 13 plays to regain the lead. Nick Plagenhoef scored on a quarterback sneak from a yard out with 9:33 left in the half, and Smith tackled on the extra-point as Providence moved back on top 14-7.

Brantley needed only six plays to answer the Eagle score as the Bulldogs drove 75 yards to get back into the endzone. Anthony Gulley got the call on five of the seven plays and responded with runs of 37, 6, 12, 15 and 5 yards, with the final 5-yard run going for the score. Banks Smith blocked the extra-point, as the Eagles remained ahead 14-13.

The Brantley defense rose up on the next series to force the only punt of the game, which was returned 57 yards by Anthony Gulley for an apparent touchdown. The score was nullified by a clipping penalty, however, Brantley was still across midfield and put the ball in play at the Providence 44-yardline.

Two plays later, Roy-L Knighten went 35 yards on a speed sweep to score a Bulldog touchdown, and Anthony Gulley passed to Tony Upshaw for the two-point conversion, as Brantley grabbed a 21-14 lead with 4:46 remaining in the second quarter.

Providence didn't stay behind for long; however, as the Eagles took the ensuing kickoff and went 62 yards in only 5 plays to

get back in the endzone. The touchdown came when Nick Plagenhoef found Chris Crawford behind the Brantley defense for a 42-yard scoring toss. Smith booted the extra-point, and with 2:24 left in the second quarter the Eagles had caught the Bulldogs at 21-21.

Brantley needed less than a minute to regain the lead, as Chase Hall connected with Roy-L Knighten on a 48-yard touchdown toss. The long scoring pass capped a four-play, 61-yard drive, and Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point to put the Bulldogs back on top 28-21 with 1:25 left in the half.

Providence Christian moved the ball back to the Brantley 30-yardline in the closing seconds of the half, but the Bulldog defense rose to the challenge and reversed the field when Justin Wright picked off an Eagle pass and returned the interception 76 yards to the Providence 5-yardline.

Chase Hall carried twice and scored on a 2-yard sneak, and although the extra-point try failed, Brantley owned a 34-21 lead with only 3 ticks left on the clock.

Roy-L Knighten intercepted an Eagle pass early in the third quarter to turn back a Providence Christian threat at the Bulldogs' 35-yardline, and Brantley again wasted little time moving down the field. A 57-yard run on a reverse by Roy-L Knighten moved the Bulldogs to the Eagle 8-yardline, and two plays later Derek Holley cracked over from one-yard out.

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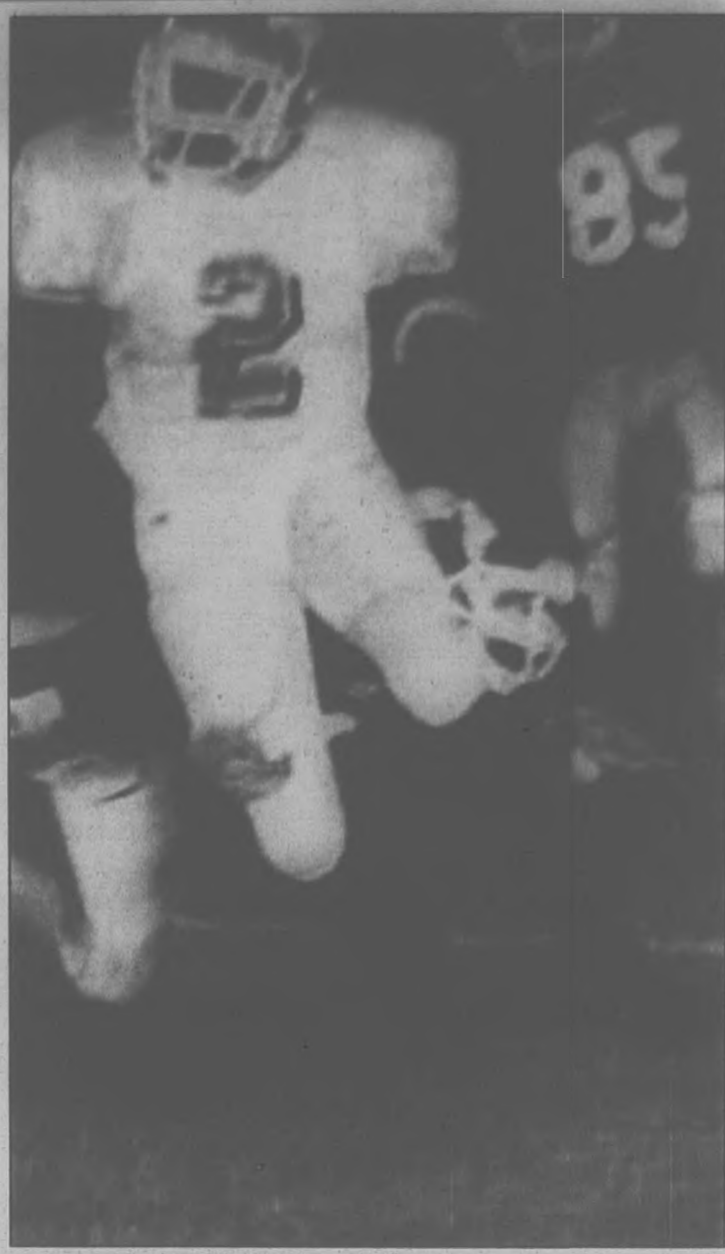
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STATISTICS

B	PC
16 1 st Downs	19
34-381 Rushes-Yds.	50-172
65 Passing Yds.	132
446 Total Offense	304
3-71 Passes	7-18-2
144 Return Yds.	92
1 Fumbles Lost	1
5-43 Penalties-Yds.	0-00
0-00 Punts-Ave.	1-45



Brantley Bulldog running back Anthony Gulley (2) tries to pull away from a Providence Christian defender in action last week in Dothan. Gulley gained 178 yards on 13 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead their Bulldogs past the Eagles 49-28, in a key region match-up.

Three big games on tap Friday night for area football teams

The high school football season will enter its eighth week of action Friday night for area teams, with three big games on the schedule.

Following is a preview of this week's schedule:

Zion Chapel at Kinston

Two long time county rivals looking for their first win of the season will battle this week when the Zion Chapel Rebels travel to Kinston to meet the Kinston Bulldogs. The Rebels have shown marked improvement in the past three weeks in losses to Geneva County, Providence Christian and Floral, and last week rushed for over 400 yards against region power Floral in a wild 54-30 setback. The Bulldogs have struggled throughout the season and last week stumbled badly in a surprising 34-7 loss to Pleasant Home. Despite their identical 0-7 records, these two teams appear to be headed in opposite directions, and Zion Chapel will be the favorite to get win number one.

New Brockton at Samson

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their region record slip to 2-3 last week with a 41-21 loss to Houston County, and face a tie the high-scoring Floral Wildcats. The Bulldogs lost for the first time at home this season in the loss to Houston County in an important region clash, and must try and claim their first road win of the season this week if they are to keep alive any hopes for a spot in the post-season party. The Tigers will be coming off a big 17-7 win over G.W. long and will be ready and waiting when the Gamecocks arrive. Samson knows that a spot in the playoffs is out of the question, but will be looking to add a win on its side of the ledger as the Tigers continue their long rebuilding process.

Brantley at Floral

The Brantley Bulldogs will put their 39-game region-winning streak on the line Friday night when they travel to Floral to battle the high-scoring Floral Wildcats. The Bulldogs remained undefeated in the region last week with a big road win over Providence Christian, but will get no chance to rest as the Wildcats will provide yet another stern test. One area Brantley must address if the Bulldogs are to remain atop the region standings is on defense, where the Bulldogs have allowed a total of 93 points in their last three games. Floral will bring a high-scoring offense into the key region encounter, and the Wildcats know that a home win over the Bulldogs would end years of frustration and give the 'Cats a lift headed into the playoffs. This one could be another offensive shootout.

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A Zion Chapel Rebel running back is dragged down after a short gain in last week's 54-30 loss to the Floral Wildcats. The Rebels rushed the ball 78 times for a total of 482 yards in the region loss to the Wildcats. This week the Rebels will battle Kinston in a cross-county rivalry.

SPORTS

Home winning streak snapped

Lion attack grounds Gamecocks 41-21

Statistics by Troy Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their playoff hopes suffer a major setback Friday night with a 41-21 loss to the Houston County Lions, at New Brockton.

Nobles scored from 3 yards out on the first play of the fourth quarter, and Banks Smith added the extra-point as the Eagles pulled within 42-28.

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new life into New Brockton, as the Gamecocks drove 69 yards to cut into the Lions' lead. Nathan Foster completed 5 passes for 44 yards during the long scoring march, and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. Roehler added the extra-point, and with only seconds remaining in the half New Brockton had cut the Houston County lead to 22-14.

Houston County received the second half kickoff and regained command as the Lions drove 62 yards to take a 28-14 lead.

The Lions' lead went to 34-14 with 7:31 remaining in the third quarter on an 8-yard blast up the middle by Darnell Robinson, and then stretched their lead to 41-14 with 4:39 left in the game when Robinson again broke loose and this time scored on a 9-yard dash.

The Gamecocks scored a touchdown with 1:08 remaining on the clock on a 9-yard pass from Nathan Foster to Devon Muhammad, and Kyle Roehler added the extra-point. However, the late score did little but change the final score as Houston County posted the 41-21 win.

Dominique Muhammad gained 112 yards on 16 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead New Brockton, while Solomon Harris added 101 yards on 12 carries and Nathan Foster gained 49 yards on 9 carries and scored 1 touchdown. On defense, David Davidson led the Gamecocks with 9 tackles, while Dominique Muhammad added 5 stops.

Desmon Warren had 288 yards of total offense to spark Houston County, while Darnell Robinson scored 3 Lions' touchdowns.

STATISTICS		H
NB		
12	1 st Downs	13
219	Rushing Yds.	258
168	Passing Yds.	200
387	Total Offense	458
16-27	Passes	8-12
1	Fumbles	1



HUNTING SOMEONE TO HIT... New Brockton's David Davidson (34) looks for a running back to hit in recent high school football action. Davidson made 9 tackles last week in the Gamecocks' 41-21 region loss to Houston County.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

by Meagan Anderson

This week's teacher spotlight is Ms. Bridgett Jones.

Ms. Jones is a 4th grade teacher at Elba Elementary School. She is from the Elba High School graduating class of 1990.

Ms. Jones received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and has a certificate in early childhood from Alabama A & M University in Huntsville, Ala. She began teaching the 5th grade at Clements High School in Athens, Ala., where she taught for nine years.

Ms. Jones is the daughter of Joyce Hightower of Elba and Robert Jones of Dozier, Ala.



Bridgett Jones

She is the proud mother of two boys (both attend EES) and a little girl (1-year-old).

In her spare time, Ms. Jones enjoys shopping and relaxing.

Elba High senior attends basic training

by Kiera Robertson

EHS senior Jesse Oglesby attended basic training in the summer of 2007.

The biggest challenge for him was just adjusting to military life. For example, waking up at 4 a.m. everyday was not easy as he had thought it would be.

The requirements were many and varied. In one activity they were required to repel off of Eagle Tower, which was a 100 ft tower.

Another requirement involved the hardest thing that he has ever done in his life...going into the gas chamber. They also had to spend six days in the woods, after which they had to march 25 miles back to their CTA.

Jesse's attire consisted of the following: a 240-Bravo Heavy Machine Gun (35lb-45lb), two 200 (7.62mm) ammunition belt, his weapon with ammo totaled up to 47lbs, helmet 15lbs.

Some of Jesse's experiences were traumatic. Jesse was quite devastated when one of his good friends died from heat exposure because he had not drank enough fluids.

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Elba Marching Tigers compete in Andalusia band contest

by Kim Blue

At 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band entered the field for competition.

The band traveled to Andalusia to compete against four other bands. Those bands included: Rehoboth, W. S. Neal, Chipley, and Baker, Fla.

Elba was the third band in class AAA to compete. The band entered the field feeling extremely nervous and excited, both at the same time. However, as the band came off the field, they knew they had performed a good show.

As time went on, the anxiety grew stronger as the band waited for the results. The junior class and band captains went onto the field to accept the awards that were going to be presented.

At 9 p.m., the award ceremony began. As the band was standing at attention waiting for the ratings, they felt great excitement when they heard they had received all superior ratings.

Also, the drum major, dance line, and percussion received Best in Class for division AAA.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band will be traveling to Opp to compete in the Little Big Horn Marching Contest.



Elba Marching Tiger Band members with their trophies following the awards ceremony at the Andalusia band contest. The band will compete this weekend in the Little Big Horn contest in Opp.

Elba Elementary students receive lesson on fire safety

by Erica Daniels

On Friday, Oct. 5, volunteers from the Elba and Fort Rucker fire departments came to teach and educate kindergarten through second graders at Elba Elementary School about fire safety.

The firefighters taught students what to do if their house catches fire. They also taught the students how to plan a meeting place outside of the house.

The volunteers from Elba and Fort Rucker have been doing this demonstration for over 18 years.



Fourth grade students complete terrarium projects

by Erica Daniels

Mrs. Bledsoe's and Mrs. Dye's fourth grade classes have been studying ecosystems and habitats in science. As a fun learning experience, each child created a terrarium as they explored the world of living and nonliving organisms.

The class enjoyed learning where organisms fit into the life of science. The students landscaped their very own terrariums using dirt, rocks, plants, and a variety of plastic animals so they could have a better understanding of organisms.

The project served as a good example of students having a great time while learning at the same time.



An example of the terrarium projects completed by students.

Journalism Spotlight

by Erica Daniels

This week's Journalism Spotlight focuses on Yoquesha Terry, but everyone in journalism and most of Elba High calls her "YoYo."

Yoquesha is the 17-year-old daughter of Kathryn Cole and Adrian Terry. Her favorite thing about journalism is being able to express herself and doing Tiger Times.

Yoquesha is an active member of the Harris Temple Church of God in Christ. She is a member in Sr. Beta in which she serves as reporter, EHS Ambassadors, Colorguard in which she serves as co-captain, Mu Alpha Theta in which she serves as secretary, and newspaper Tiger Times co-editor.

Yoquesha's hobbies include spending time with family and friends, doing choreography, writing short stories and poems, and doodling. She describes herself as humorous, caring, and courageous.

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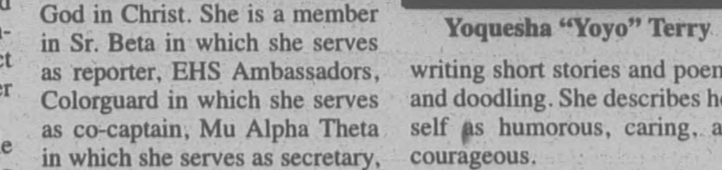
by Kelly Corder

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, the Junior Varsity Tigers traveled to face the Brantley Bulldogs.

Elba's offensive and defensive lines both struggled throughout the game. The offensive line struggled to protect Gunnar McCollough, the Tiger quarterback.

However, the Tigers were able to pound out 14 points and hang on for a tie, with the help of the defense.

The final score of the game was tied at 14.



Elba Tigers fall short to the Pike County Bulldogs in varsity football action

by Maisie Thomas

On Friday, Oct. 5, the Pike County Bulldogs traveled to Tiger Town to battle the hometown Elba Tigers.

The Elba Tigers trailed during the first quarter, with the score of Bulldogs 14 and Tigers 7. However, the Tigers made a small comeback during the second quarter, scoring 6 more points, bringing the score to 21-13.

The second half was as much for the Tigers, and though they battled to the end, the final score was Pike County 48 and Elba Tigers 20.

Both the offense and defense had high points. On the offense, Trey Martin was 16 for 30 passing for 211 yards and 2 Tiger touchdowns.

One of those touchdowns was passed to #4, Gavin Respress, who caught a 43-yard pass. The other was to Richard Cooks, who caught a 55-yard pass on the ground.

Carlos Matias had 23 carries for 88 yards and scored on a 1-yard run. Cooks was 2 for 3 on extra points.

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